



Scope of Session 3

***Asian Situation in  
Transboundary Movements of  
Hazardous Wastes***

The Secretariat of Asian Network

# Background (1)

- In the **Decision IX/3**, the Conference of the Parties:
  - *Recognizing* the need for **a new strategic framework** for a ten-year period from the COP10 **in the light of the evolving needs of the Parties to the Convention**,
  - *Recognizing* that the preparation of a new strategic framework would benefit from an **effectiveness evaluation of the implementation of the Convention**,

\* In accordance with **paragraph 7 of Article 5**, effectiveness of the Convention is evaluated every 6 years **in light of the latest scientific, environmental, technical and economic information**.

# Background (2)

- In the **Decision IX/3**, the COP ... (continued):
  - *Decides* that a new strategic framework should be based, among other things, on **best possible knowledge on levels and trends of transboundary waste streams and the ESM of wastes**;
  - *Urges* Parties and BCRCs to submit further comments on the developments and obstacles in the implementation of the current Strategic Plan to SBC by **9 February 2009** (extended);
  - *Invites* each Party to **nominate a contact person** to facilitate liaison with SBC in the review of the Strategic Plan, in the facilitation of the effectiveness evaluation and the development of a new strategic framework;

# Background (3)

- In the **Decision IX/3**, the COP ... (continued):
  - *Invites* Parties and BCRCs to submit to SBC by **30 June 2009**:
    - **Data and information** required to facilitate an evaluation of the effectiveness of the implementation of the Convention as a basis for the preparation of a new strategic framework;
    - **Views on a new strategic framework** for the implementation of the BC, in particular with regard to potential elements of the framework, including indicators of achievements and performance, and also the respective roles of SBC, BCRCs and other partners in its future implementation

# Background (4)

- According to Decision IX/26 and its Annex **“President’s statement on the possible way forward on the Ban Amendment”**:
  - the President calls upon Parties to create enabling conditions, through, among other measures, **country-led initiatives** conducive to attainment of the objectives of the Amendment.
  - Switzerland and Indonesia have announced their readiness to organize a “Country-led Initiative” (CLI) on an informal process to **address the challenge that TBM of HWs, especially to developing countries, have a high risk of not constituting ESM of HWs.**

# Therefore...

- It is important
  - To gather and analyze data and information to provide an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Convention.
  - To provide necessary inputs from Asian countries into the Initiative as well as the development of a new framework so that situation of the Asian region can be reflected.

# Underlying Assumption

- **Material flows** among member countries are intensified due to rapid economic growth in the region.
- **Capabilities and technologies** each member country has for ESM of HWs are quite different from the other.
- Given those facts, it may not always fit in with the reality of the region that TBM of HWs are fully or partially banned in an uniform way.
- While illegal TBM of HWs and secondhand EEE contribute to the environmentally unsound disposal in a destination country, TBM may also have **positive effects** including;
  - ✧ Creating economic opportunities and benefits
  - ✧ Fostering recycling industry
  - ✧ Establishing and enhancing legal as well as institutional structure of governments

# Objectives of the Session 3

- To deepen the understanding about current situations of the TBM and disposal of HWs
- To analyze the reasons behind why illegal TBM and environmentally unsound treatment continues
- To discuss among member countries necessary measures for tackling those environmentally unsound practices.



# Expected goals (1)

- To understand the agenda currently discussed in the COP regarding the development of a new strategic framework, the effectiveness evaluation of the implementation of the Convention, and the CLI;
- To share the understanding of current situations in the region on transboundary movements and recycling of HWs and secondhand EEE;

## Expected goals (2)

- To recognize the necessity to analyze the reasons of environmentally unsound treatment in an objective manner and to discuss countermeasures against them given the situations in the region;
- To recognize the effectiveness of concerted efforts in the region for promoting proper recycling of HWs and secondhand EEE, in conjunction with each country's efforts in establishing a relevant system and infrastructure toward environmentally sound recycling.

# Discussion

- Is there any stream of HWs and/or second-hand EEE which are not being identified?
- What are the reasons (direct, indirect and fundamental factors) behind why environmentally unsound treatment continues?
- What are possible measures for tackling the abovementioned factors?
- What are positive effects caused by TBM of HWs and second-hand EEE?
- Based on those discussions, what kinds of viewpoints should be included in the upcoming discussions under the CLI as well as COP?